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1. The head office of the Chinese Communist Trading Company (中共貿易總公司), the largest economic establishment of the Chinese Communists in Manchuria, is on the premises of the former Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, on San Tao Chieh, Tao Li (三道街道裡), Harbin. This organization controls all public business in Chinese Communist Manchuria and monopolizes imports from the USSR and North Korea under the direction of a forty-two year old native of Manchuria, HSIA Lin-tian (夏鄰天), a Chinese Communist "superior", or kan pu. The Harbin head office employs ninety persons, most of whom are kan pu.

2. The three branch offices of the Chinese Communist Trading (Communist Trading) Company in Harbin are on the following streets:

Shih Erh Tao Chieh (十二道街)
Cheng Yang Chi Tao Chieh, Tao Wai (正陽七道街道外)
Shih Tou Tao Chieh, Tao Li (石頭道街道裡)

These offices are responsible for the purchase and sale of cereals for military and civilian use and for the rationing of daily necessities.

3. Branch offices of this company have been established in all the larger cities in Chinese Communist Manchuria, particularly Murtanchiang (129-37, 44-35), Chiamussu (130-21, 46-49), Suifen (131-09, 44-23), Tsitsihar (123-55, 47-23), Peian (126-34, 48-16), and Hailar (119-44, 49-13).
4. Exports from Manchuria handled by the company include soya beans, bean oil, sorghum, wheat, millet, and other native products. Imports from the USSR include all kinds of weapons and ammunition, flour, cotton and woolen materials, wool thread, cosmetics, Japanese-manufactured matches (?), Soviet-manufactured trucks and bicycles, and daily necessities.
5. In addition to the organization mentioned above, there are two other trading companies in operation, the Tung Hsing (東興) Company and the Min Sheng (民生) Company. The former is chiefly responsible for the purchase, transport, disposition, and rationing of cereals, other foods, and daily necessities. The latter company controls light and heavy industrial production, as well as the output of cereals and daily necessities. It is also in charge of the collection of civilian capital.

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